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In re Application of  
PACKES et al  
Application No.: 09/714,574  
Filing Date: November 16, 2000  
Attorney Docket No.: 00-068

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: DECISION ON PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(B)  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 25, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed August 17, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, by operation of law, the above-identified application became abandoned on November 18, 2005.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an amendment and arguments; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the non-final Office action mailed August 17, 2005 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3622 for appropriate action on the reply in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3303.

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